

REMARKS

Claims 2-8, as amended, remain herein.

Applicant appreciates the statements in the Office Action that claims 2, 5 and 6 are allowed.

Claims 3, 4 and 6-8 have been amended to depend from claim allowable claim 2, and claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 4 has been amended also to provide the relationship between the peripheral edge position and a plurality of concave positions. The case should be in immediate condition for allowance.

1. The specification and drawing have been checked as requested.

2. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Takeda U.S. Patent 5,287,798. Claim 1 has been canceled and claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 2, thereby mooting the rejection.

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All claims 2-8 are now proper in form and patentably distinguished over all grounds of rejection stated in the Office Action. Accordingly, allowance of all claims 2-8 is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the applicant would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicant's undersigned representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

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